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1. The office of the Deputy Commissioner, Security Control, has released figures showing that nearly 14,000 foreigners reside permanently in Calcutta. However, these figures are not very accurate? For instance, the American population of Calcutta is nearer 250 than 860, the figures listed.
2. Of the 120 Russians listed, approximately 25 carried Soviet passports and, of the 25, about 15 were registered as working for the Soviet Trade Agency, Calcutta.
3. The list showed the following approximate figures for the principal nationalities represented in Calcutta.

Afghans	1,000	Siamese	30
Americans	860	Turkish	20
Chinese	10,000	Japanese	50
Iraqis	250	Czechs	90
Germans, including		Danish	55
Austrians	180	Egyptians	30
Iranians	170	Finnish	16
Dutch	220	Hungarians	45
French	200	Rumanians	6
Greeks	30	Portuguese	7
Norwegians	140	Spaniards	20
Russians	120	Argentines	15
Swiss	105	Indonesians	12
Italians	90	Arabs	12
Belgians	110	Bulgarians	1
Polish	75		
Swedish	65		

4. In addition to the above figures almost 20 other nationalities are represented in Calcutta, including notably British, Pakistanis and Burmese, who were not included in the listing of 14,000.

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Comment. It is not known why Security Control purposely released inaccurate figures.

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